

# GOLF CART FAQ



## What is a golf cart?

According to Sec. 551.401 of the Texas Transportation Code, a "golf cart" means a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course.

## Can I drive my golf cart on the road?

A person may operate a golf cart on a highway in a manner authorized by this subchapter only if the vehicle displays a license plate issued under this section.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles:

- Shall by rule establish a procedure to issue license plates for golf carts
- May charge a fee not to exceed \$10 for the cost of the license plate
- A golf cart license plate does not expire, unless the golf cart is transferred to a new owner

## What is a highway?

A road, street, way, thoroughfare, or bridge: that is in this state, for the use of vehicles; not privately owned or controlled; and over which the state has legislative jurisdiction under its police power.

## Do I need a driver's license to operate a golf cart?

YES! Texas Transportation Code 521.021 states: A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a highway in this State unless the person holds a driver's license.

## What kind of equipment is required on a golf cart?

According to Texas Transportation Code Sec. 551.4041, a golf cart must have the following equipment: Head lamps, tail lamps, reflectors, parking brake, and mirrors. In addition, Texas Transportation Code Sec. 547.703, requires a golf-cart that is operated at a speed of not more than 25 miles per hour to display a slow-moving-vehicle emblem when it is operated on a highway.

## When and where can I operate my golf cart?

During the daytime and on a highway for which the posted speed limit is not more than 35 mph. Golf carts are motor vehicles and should not be driven on the sidewalks.

## Are golf carts allowed in Town Parks?

Golf carts are allowed to use the roads and parking areas within Town parks. Golf carts may NOT be driven on grassy areas or trails. In compliance with Town Code of Ordinances Section 1.09.024 (1)(B), motorcycles, motor scooters, ATVs, and any other vehicle is only permitted to operate on designated roadways and parking areas within a Town Park.

## What is the regulation for possession of alcoholic beverages in a golf cart?

Please remember operating a golf cart under the influence is hazardous and a violation of the laws of the State of Texas. (Texas Penal Code - PENAL § 49.04)

